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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 20, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, DHHS announced 344 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.5%. Today's results include 201 people who tested positive by PCR test and 143 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,421 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/19: 344** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are fifty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 45% being female and 55% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (79), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (57), Strafford (49), Merrimack (33), Cheshire (13), Grafton (12), Carroll (8), Belknap (5), Sullivan (4), and Coos (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (33) and Nashua (26). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-three new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced four additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 female resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 63 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 80,316 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 20, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	80,316
Recovered	76,678 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,217 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,421
Current Hospitalizations	63

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)₂ 647,885

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests₂ 38,379

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL N/A

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL₃ 77

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

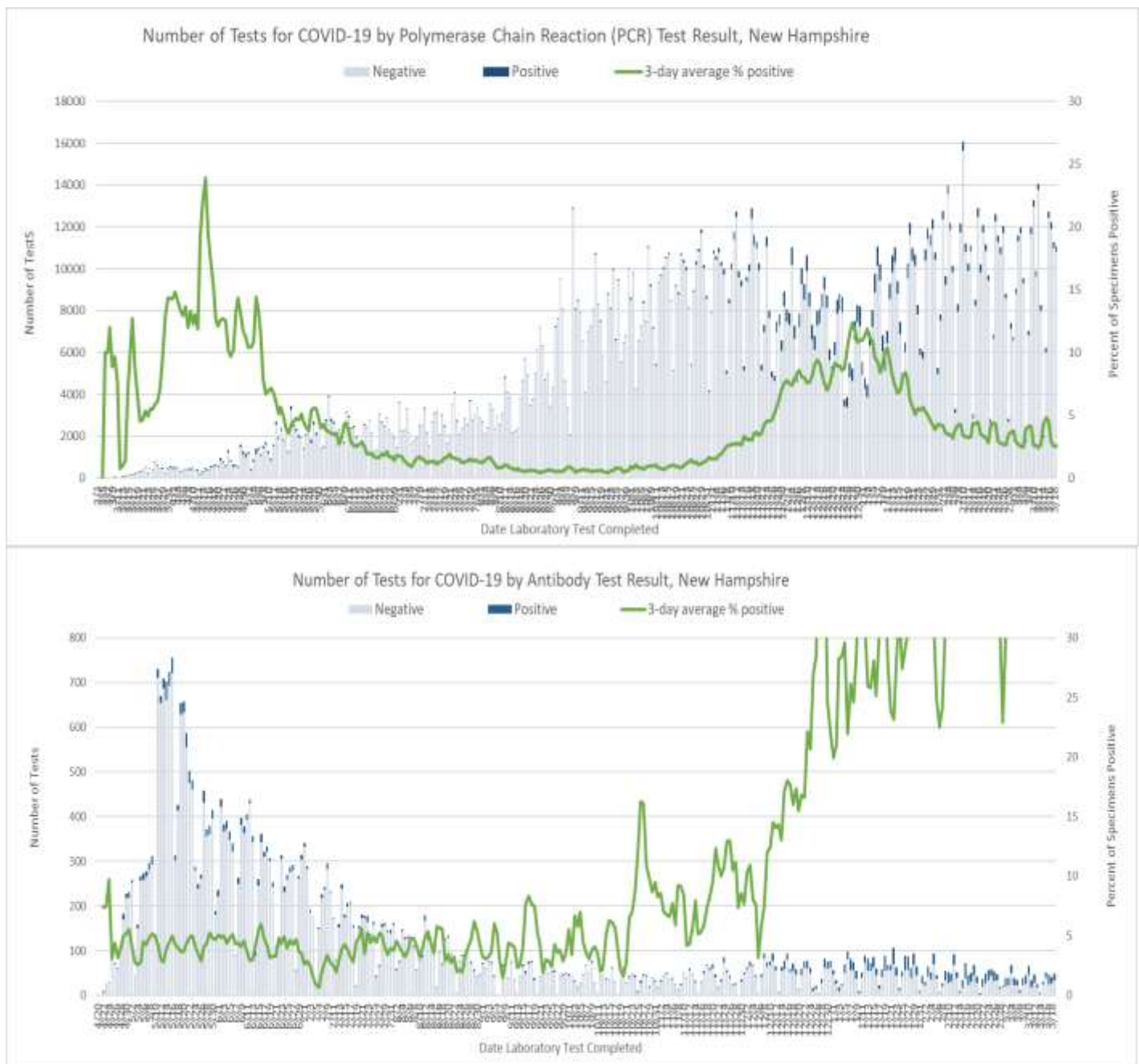
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	362	0	53	269	549	734	645	373
LabCorp	470	216	358	504	510	564	372	428
Quest Diagnostics	442	350	261	279	749	558	479	445
Mako Medical	4	17	0	627	482	65	53	178
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	379	167	204	524	406	447	423	364
NorDX Laboratory	166	39	66	515	342	377	269	253
Broad Institute	3,932	737	889	4,475	4,868	2,789	5,293	3,283
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	230	260	344	501	699	480	444	423
Other Laboratory*	235	226	309	521	860	624	389	452
University of New Hampshire**	2,047	63	3,742	4,502	2,763	4,636	2,703	2,922
Total	8,267	2,075	6,226	12,717	12,228	11,274	11,070	9,122
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	Daily Average
LabCorp	9	0	4	8	15	10	10	8
Quest Diagnostics	5	0	5	17	18	13	19	11
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	1	4	5	3	10	6	5
NorDX Laboratory	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Other Laboratory*	5	3	4	5	8	3	3	4
Total	22	4	20	35	45	36	38	29

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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